

August 8, 2019

Mr. Warren Munro  
City of Oshawa  
50 Centre Street South  
Oshawa, ON L1H 3Z7

Re: Lakeridge Health Master Plan and Proposed Future Hospital

Dear Warren;

Durham College is pleased to support Lakeridge Health's new Master Plan and the proposal for a new hospital in North Oshawa. We know firsthand how much North Oshawa is growing and we believe that this new facility is necessary to serve the needs of our community.

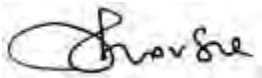
Durham College has been part of the community for over 50 years. We currently serve about 13,000 full-time students and a major part of our success is our focus on experiential learning. While we embed experiential learning in our classrooms, our students benefit the most from placements, co-ops and clinical experiences. On the job experiences enhance our graduates' abilities to learn, grow and succeed in the workforce and Lakeridge Health is a major partner in supporting our students' learning.

Currently, we have approximately 1,193 students from our School of Health and Community Services enrolled in placements throughout the Lakeridge Health network. This number doesn't take into account students from other areas of the college, such as science and technology, skilled trades, and human resources, to mention a few.

From our perspective, a new expanded hospital in close proximity to our campus would provide even more hands-on learning opportunities for our students, creating a new workforce of expert healthcare providers and ensuring that the healthcare needs of the local community are served.

Our partnership with Lakeridge Health is significant and has grown over the years. We are thankful for the services provided to our students, staff and families. We appreciate Oshawa City Council's leadership on this proposal and support a North Oshawa Hospital.

Regards,



Don Lovisa  
President